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AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final first office action in the above case dated August 8, 2007 in which the Examiner objected to the Specification and rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) over cited art. On November 7, 2007, the attorney for the Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing amendments to the claims and arguments, which are presented herein. Applicants amended certain claims to distinguish over the cited art and canceled claims 5, 7, 8, 14, 17, 25, and 28. Applicants submit that pending claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-24, 26, 27, and 29 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.